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SAIGON REGIME BARS 32D PAPER IN A YEAR

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SAIGON, South Vietnam, June 14—The South Vietnamese Government suspended publication by the English-language Saigon News today after it printed a column mildly critical of Premier Iran Van Huong.

This was the 32d daily newspaper in Saigon to be suspended since press censorship was formally abolished a year ago. While there is no censorship, there is also no clear code of what local newspaper men may or may not write.

The Government charged the newspaper with "distorting news and sowing confusion among the people." A spokesman for the Ministry of Information said that the charge had been aimed at a column that questioned the effectiveness of Premier Huong's campaign against corruption and complained that civil servants had not received an expected pay raise.

The editor and publisher of the Daily News was arrested two months ago on charges of having engaged in "activities profitable to the Communists and harmful to the public security." He is expected to be tried by a special court next week.